1: Jenness--85 (1913-16) 1922 Copper Eskimo
116, 768

"When either parent dies, the other finds a home with one of the married children, or lives with each in turn, while the orphaned child is always cared for by an elder brother or an uncle."

1: Jenness--163 (1913-16) 1922 Copper Eskimo
116, 736, 768, 587

"It is the widows who have the hardest lot. Their kinsmen are bound to support them and provide them with a home, but naturally a man with a wife and children of his own to take care of has no desire to be burdened with a widowed sister any longer than he can help. Friction, too, may arise at any time between sister and wife. Sometimes the widow becomes a public harlot; she will offer herself, that is, to any man who wants her for a day or a week, in the hope that some one will finally keep her permanently; should she give birth to a child no one will ever reproach her. Young widows never have any difficulty in finding new husbands, but the middle-aged often have to wait a long time, if they re-marry at all. The people have a proverb about them which runs: 'She had no property. She was an old woman when she finally remarried, an aged woman'."

1: Jenness--176 (1913-16) 1922 Copper Eskimo
116, 768

"Often the relatives of a dead man will retain his more valuable property and place only miniature copies on his grave. This is done more particularly with the water-boots, but sometimes too with the bow and arrows. The dead man is able to enlarge the miniatures if he wants them, so there is no necessity to leave the genuine articles. (1) Captain Bernard found a grave in Richardson bay on south-west Victoria island where miniature water-boots had been substituted for the real ones. He described to us, too, a funeral in which the same substitution had taken place. A native named Ekkeahoak was stabbed by a companion near Lambert island in the spring of 1913. His kinsmen wrapped the corpse in caribou skins and conveyed it by sled to the mainland,

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"1. The Rev. E. J. Peck says that in south Baffin island: 'In the case of a woman's death the articles she had been accustomed to use, such as needles, circular knife, etc., were placed at her grave by female relatives and friends, but in the case of a man's death his hunting implements were placed by his male relatives and friends by the side of his grave. These did not always consist, in either case, of the full sized articles, but miniature things made to resemble the larger were often used instead.'"

where they deposited it on the ground with its back to the north and its head to the east.(2) They laid his possessions in a row by his side, piece by piece, the various tools, the bow and arrows, the sealing-harpoon broken into two pieces, and all his spare clothing, each garment neatly folded in a separate bundle; in place of the real water-boots, however, they left a miniature pair about an inch long. As soon as the

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"2. Haviron's head also pointed toward the east, but I do not know whether this is the universal practice."

corpse was thus disposed of all the people returned to their sealing-ground.(3)"

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"3. The following extract is taken from Dr. Anderson's diary of his first expedition--the Stefansson-Anderson Arctic Expedition --under date July 28, 1911: --

'On the western side of cliff (a little east of Point Williams, Victoria island) found part of old seal-spear, bone head, copper-riveted, also shaft of human femur (ca. 15 years). On top of rock, Tanaumirk found fragments of oblong stone pot and shaft of human ulna. I went up and found epiphysis of femur, and two phalanges of toe. No sign of grave about. About 30 yards W. of cliff I found old iron knife, long bone handle. About 100 yards inland Tanaumirk found remainder of stone pot, and about 100 yards from this the runners of a sled --very old. Two or three hundred yards W. found old tent site (stones in circle), a few broken arrows, sealing implements, etc. About 25 yards from house saw a little circle of stones on ground (about 2 feet across). In centre, half buried in moss and dirt, found quite a set of miniature implements, child's toys, bows, 3 copper-headed arrows (about 6-8 in. long), copper ice-pick, drill, fire-stones, knife (tin riveted to bone handle), caribou hunting accessories, etc. --all diminutive, much weathered.'

These miniature implements may have been a child's toys, as Dr. Anderson thought at that time, but I strongly suspect that they were placed on a grave instead of the real implements."

3: Rasmussen--45-46 (c. 1923) 1932 Copper Eskimo
116, 768

"The deceased's clothing and the sleeping skins that have belonged to him are thrown away, and likewise a tent in which there has been [46] a death is discarded. If it is a snow hut, it must be abandoned immediately after the body has been taken to the ilofra, the people moving to a new hunting place."

6: Roberts and Jenness--14 (1914-1916) 1925 Copper Eskimo
587, 768

"As long as man retains the strength of hunt he can always find a comfortable home; but wretched is the fate of the widow who is unable to obtain another husband. She is cast on the community, a burden to herself and to her kinsfolk alike."